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SUBJECT: FORMER DANISH FOREIGN MINISTER SPEAKS OUT
ON US-EC RELATIONS

SUMMARY: FORMER FOREGIN MINISTER, K.B. ANDERSEN, IN
ARTICLE PUBLISHED MARCH 12 FORESEES POSITIVE RESULTS
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FROM EC-US DECLARATION. PRIVATELY, ANDERSEN INFORMED

EMBOFF RECENTLY THAT HE WAS CONCERNED OVER POSSIBILITY THAT CURRENT EC-US NEGOTIATIONS MIGHT BE DERAILED. IMPLYING THAT PRESENT DANISH POLICY ADHERED MORE CLOSELY TO FRENCH LINE THAN HE WOULD LIKE, ANDERSEN TOLD EMBOFF SOCIAL DEMOCRATS INTEND TO EXERT INFLUENCE ON GOVERNMENT FOR RENEWED FORWARD-MOTION IN EC-US TALKS. END SUMMARY.

1. KMB. ANDERSEN FOMIN IN PREVIOUS (SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC) GOVERNMENT, RECENTLY ALERTED EMBOFF THAT HE HAD WRITTEN NEWSPAPER ARTICLE IN EFFORT TO COUNTER FOREIGN MINISTER GULDBERG'S APPARENT TENDENCY TO SEE EVENTS IN FRENCH PERSPECTIVE. ARTICLE HAS NOW APPEARED IN CONSERVATIVE DAILYHJYLLANDS POSTEN UNDERCAPTION "I BELIEVEDIALOGUE BETWEEN EC AND USAWILL PROVEPRODUCTIVE". ANDERSEN HAS ALSOINFORMED US HEIS SEEKING TO SCHEDULEPARLIAMENTARY DEBATE ON FOREIGN POLICY WITHIN NEXT TWO WEEKS IN ORDER GIVEHIMSELF NATIONAL TV PLATFORM FORHIS VIEWS.

2. IN HIS ARTICLE(FULL TEXT POUCHED DEPARTMENT)& -,\$34 3, ASSOCIATES HIMSELF WITH SECRETARY'S REJECTION OF IDEATHAT"A STRENGTHENINGOF ATLANTIC UNITY ANDADEFINITION OF A EAUROPEAN PERSONALITY AREINCOMPATIBLE". HE RECOGNIZES THATEUROPEAN COOPERATION CAN BE USEDTOCREATEAUS-EUROPEAN CONFRONTATION BUTARGUES THAT OVERWHELMINGMAJORITY OF EC COUNTRIES WILL NOTACCEPT THIS.

3. ANDERSEN ARGUES: IN SPITEOF SET-BACK FOR ATLANTIC ALLIANCECAUSEDDBY ME CRISIS; IN SPITEOF PARTIAL PARALYSIS IN OFFICEOF US PRESIDENCY CASUEDBY WATERGATEAFFAIR; IN SPITEOF FRANCE'S ATTEMPT TO THROW "GRAVEL IN THEMACHINERY"; ANDIN SPITEOF EUROPEAN VOICES IN FAVOROF BRININGUP JUST NOW IDEA OF EVENTUALLY SUPPLANTING NATO, HEIS OPTIMISTIC REGARDINGDISCUSSIONS CURRENTLY FLOWINGBACK ANDFORTH ACROSS THE ATLANTIC.

4. ANDERSEN CONCLUDES THAT THEEC NINEADVANCEDRATHERFAR IN FOREIGN POLICY COOPERATION IN 1973-WITHOUTALTERING THERESTRICTED BASIS ON WHICH DENMARK JOINEDEC. "THIS WAS CONSEQUENTLY SATISFACTORY", SAYS ANDEREEN, ADDING, "ITIS DIFFICULTTOSHARESORROW OF THOSE - IN FRANCE, CONFIDENTIAL

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DENMARK ORELSEWHERE- WHOLAMENTTHAT EUROPEDOES NOT ASEITS NEW-FOUND IDNETITY TOCREAEITS OWN SECURITY POLICY, THUS ESTABLISHING ITS OWN SUPER-POWERPOSITION".

5. COMMENT: AS FOREIGN POLICY SPOKESMAN FORSOCIAL DEMOCRATS, WHOSTILL COMPRISELARGESTPARTY IN PARLIAMENT, ANDERSEN EXERTS CONSIDERABLE INFLUENCEON POLICY. HIS STANDING HAS RECENTLY BEEN SYMBOLICALLY ATTESTEDBY HIS

ELECTION TO CHAIRMANSHIP OF PRESTIGIOUS DANISH FOREIGN
POLICY ASSOCIATION.
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